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before + after: bath

Current look, classic feel

A master bedroom addition makes room for a graceful bath that fuses old and new

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Incorporating contemporary sensibilities into a period home can be tricky. Patricia Jagtiani loved the vintage charm of her 1930s house, in Alexandria, Virginia, but when she decided to add a master bath—part of a renovation that included a new master bedroom addition—she hoped for something more modern. Taking the place of the former master bedroom, the bath features a blended style inspired by an early find: the clean-lined sink, an update of the classic console. Patricia chose a tub to match, settling on a rectangular jetted soaker juxtaposed with Victorian-style fittings. A bright and airy shower enclosure sits adjacent to it. On the walls, she added vintage-inspired blue and white tile, keeping it current in a blown-out size. Marble tile underfoot and period-perfect molding throughout ensure the room fits with the rest of the home.

The fusion is just what Patricia was looking for. “It was created for me, with everything I like,” she says. “It’s a peaceful haven I lacked before.”

before The master bedroom occupied this space. **after** The new bath's contemporary look is tempered by period details. Sink and toilet: Duravit. Faucet: Brizo. Sconces and mirror: Restoration Hardware. Basket: West Elm



← Cylinder sconces and an oval mirror soften the lines of the angular console sink.



{ before }

before+after: **bath**

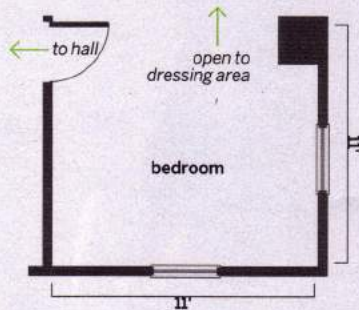
→ **The modern, boxy tub** has a broad deck for toiletries and a separate handshower to accompany the wall-mount shepherd's crook faucet. Towels hang within reach from a vintage-style train rack. *Tub: Aquatic Bath. Train rack: Restoration Hardware. Faucet: Riobel. Handshower: Brizo*

↓ **Subway tile** gets a shake-up with fresh 5-by-10-inch dimensions and diamond insets. A classic tile chair rail with bullnose corners caps it off. *Wall tile: Ceramiche Grazia*



before

The 121-square-foot space held the master bedroom.

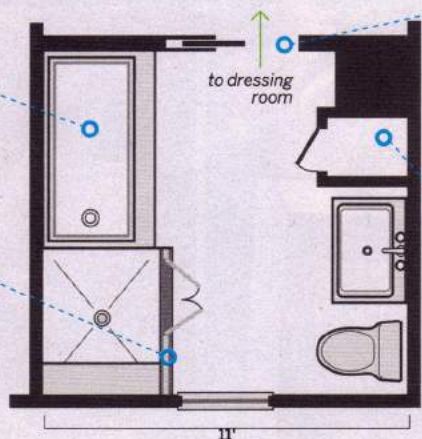


after

Gutted, plumbed, and rebuilt, the room became a bath with a 6-foot tub and a separate shower enclosure.

1_ Built in the tub right at the room's entry to maximize an open feel in the room.

2_ Chose a shower enclosure with frameless glass doors to channel light from the window.



3_ Created an entry with a space-saving pocket door to the dressing room, which connects the bath to the hallway and new master bedroom.

4_ Installed a linen closet that blends with an exposed chimney chase. This former exterior wall became an interior wall, with the addition beyond it.